

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006  
1:00 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair  
Bob Workman, Vice Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Bernie Heier  
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Mike Thurber, Corrections Director  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 12, 2006**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes dated October 12, 2006. Hudkins, Stevens, Workman, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- A. Set a Date for the Public Hearing on County Special Permit No. 06051  
(Request for Authority to Construct and Operate a Drag Strip on  
Property Generally Located at Highway 77 and Branched Oak Road)
- B. Attendance at Community Consensus Meeting Later in the Day

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Workman, Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

**3 PRE-ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING REPORT FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY** - Al Povondra, Carlson, West and Povondra Architects; Karen Chinn, Chinn Planning; JoAnne Kissel, The Clark Enersen Partners

Al Povondra, Carlson, West and Povondra Architects; Karen Chinn, Chinn Planning; JoAnne Kissel, The Clark Enersen Partners, presented 2006 Pre-Architectural Jail Study for Lancaster County Corrections (Exhibit A), noting the following:

- ▶ Jail Trends
- ▶ Projected Capacity
- ▶ Housing Components
- ▶ Architectural Program
- ▶ Concept Alternatives
  - Option A - Single Site Jail (Expansion at 10<sup>th</sup> & J Street)
  - Option B - Two-Site Jail (10<sup>th</sup> & J Street, Plus Remote Site)
  - Option C - Single-Site Jail (Remote Site Jail, Convert Existing Jail to Other Use)
- ▶ Site evaluation criteria
- ▶ Project Costs
- ▶ Operational Costs
- ▶ Comparison of Costs
- ▶ Analysis of Options

It was noted that Option C is the most expensive in terms of construction but is lowest in terms of operational costs and is the lowest expenditure over a 20 year period.

Hudkins asked what the Jail Steering Committee's concerns were regarding Option A.

Chinn said there were concerns regarding how massive the siting of the jail will be and whether there would come a point that the County would have to walk away from a \$70 million investment.

Povondra said the facility might take on a long, linear look, with potential closing of more streets.

Kissel added that "a jail that keeps marching into the neighborhood" is not a desired land use.

Corrections staff involved in the study process indicated a preference for Option C, citing greater efficiencies, moving the traffic associated with the facility away from the downtown area and the potential to use the current facility for expansion of law enforcement, courts and government offices. Concerns regarding the disruption to operations during expansion of the current facility if Option A is selected were also cited.

Schorr inquired about transportation costs.

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said use of video arraignments would cut down on those costs. Getting the judiciary to buy into that option is crucial.

Scott Keene, Ameritas Investment Corporation, and Lauren Wismer, Gilmore & Bell PC (Bond Counsel), appeared and briefly discussed financing options.

There was general Board consensus to pursue Option C, with direction to assess funding options.

Hudkins asked that further consideration be given to aesthetics.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- A. Set a Date for the Public Hearing on County Special Permit No. 06051 (Request for Authority to Construct and Operate a Drag Strip on Property Generally Located at Highway 77 and Branched Oak Road)

The Board tentatively scheduled the public hearing on the November 28, 2006 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

- B. Attendance at Community Consensus Meeting Later in the Day

Hudkins and Stevens indicated plans to attend.

### **4 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Heier, Workman, Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
Lancaster County Clerk